

operating its own water works was defeated by the latter class of citizens. The city that progresses in these days is the one that owns and operates its own water system.

MAXIMO GOMEZ, the Cuban commanding general, has demanded nearly \$60,000,000 from the United States, and refuses to disband the "army" until the money is paid. He repudiated the arrangement made by Calixto Garcia, who came to Washington with authority from Gomez to provide for the return of the Cubans to their pursuits, and whose work was barely accomplished before his sudden death, December 11.

THE attention of our readers is called to an article published on another page in this issue headed "Down in Kane." It is evident that the strip of country north of the Colorado is not the barren, deserted spot that our Utah friends tried to make us believe it was. On the other hand it is a fine grazing section and also contains many acres of fine timber as well as valuable mineral deposits. Our board of supervisors might make a few dollars in taxes by sending the tax collector to that part of the county to collect taxes on the personal property now there.

THE midwinter number of the Los Angeles Times is a handsome and elaborate edition. It contains 103 pages, with an illustrated cover. The edition is largely confined to California subjects, but Yavapai county, Arizona, with its wealth of gold, copper, silver and onyx and other resources is given a page and a half. The Times is the most enterprising of all the Pacific coast dailies and its circulation in Arizona is larger than all its contemporaries.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Summary of the Work of the Conference of Supervisors.

The supervisors of the territory which were in conference here during the latter part of the last week, completed their labors Saturday night and adjourned till January 26, 1900.

Their conference resulted in the following recommendations which will be presented to the legislature by bills and otherwise for their consideration.

They recommend that the territorial board of qualification be made to consist of five members instead of four, as at present.

That the salaries of district attorneys in first-class counties be raised from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per annum and that members of the boards of supervisors in counties of the first-class receive \$1,000 per annum.

Also that in counties of the first-class the boards be allowed to hire a deputy for the county assessor when needed at a salary of \$75 per month, and be allowed to contract for the preparation of the duplicate assessment roll.

That the salaries of assessors in the lower-class counties be fixed by the boards of supervisors.

That the laws affecting the recorder's office and the road tax be left unchanged.

That the legislature be requested to memorialize congress to allow the grazing of sheep in forest reserves on equal terms with the horses and cattle.

That the legislature also be requested to memorialize congress to repeal the extension of the provisions of the funding act under which the Pima county railroad bonds were recently declared valid by the supreme court.

The matter of attempting to license railroads now working under tax exemption was dropped after a conference with the attorney-general on the subject.—Phoenix Herald.